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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jermaine A. Rayton, 21, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced on May 18, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to ten years and three months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Rayton entered a guilty plea on Feb. 23, 2004, to one count of distributing more than 5 grams of crack cocaine and one count of possession of a firearm during a drug-trafficking crime.

Melgren said that Moreno admitted at his plea that on Feb. 20, 2003, he sold 6.22 grams of crack cocaine in Topeka to an undercover agent who was working with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. The defendant admitted that during the sale of drugs he was carrying a firearm.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Task Force in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.